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Claims:

Delete Claims 1-4 and substitute new Claims 5 to 11, below:

- 5.) Means to create submillimeter image switches.
 - 6.) The switches of Claim 5 wherein the switches are based on MicroElectroMechanical System (MEMS) switches.
 - 7.) The switches of Claim 5 wherein the switches are based on laser arrays.
 - 8.) The switches of Claim 5 wherein the switches are based on laser diode arrays.
 - 9.) The switches of Claim 5 wherein the switches are based on liquid crystal devices.

- 10.) The submillimeter image switches of Claim 5 wherein submillimeter alphanumeric image switches are created.
- 11.) The submillimeter image switches of Claim 5 further including creation of optionic/photonic devices, systems/networks incorporating submillimeter image switches.